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FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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SUBJECT: USE OF US EXCESS DINARS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

REF: (A) TUNIS 2457, (B) TUNIS 2174, (C) STATE 79687,

(D) TUNIS 1661, (E) TUNIS 2088

WHILE REF (A) APPLIES TO TRAVEL FOR LABOR CONFERENCE, TWA
POLICY RE LIMITATIONS ON ACCEPTANCE OF DINARS FOR OFFICIAL
TRAVEL REPORTED REF (B) IS PREVENTING CERTAIN CATEGORIES
OF TRAVEL WHERE ONLY DINAR APPROPRIATED FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE.
PENDING DECISION NOTED PARA 7 REF (C), EMBASSY PROPOSES
THAT ALL SUCH TRAVEL FOR WHICH TWA REFUSES ACCEPT DINAR
PAYMENT BE EFFECTED THROUGH ALITALIA UNDER ITS PROPOSAL
REPORTED REF (D). THIS WOULD APPLY REIMARILY TO SFCP
GRANTEES AND POSSIBLY A FEW OTHER TYPES OF OFFICIAL
TRAVELERS. ALITALIA LOCAL REP HAS INDICATED THAT, WITH
PRIOR NOTIFICATION, ALITALIA SALES OFFICES IN WASHINGTON
AND ELSEWHERE WOULD BE PREPARED ISSUE TICKETS AGAINST
GTR'S PAYABLE IN DINARS. FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL TO OR
THROUGH TUNIS WHERE APPROPRIATED DOLLAR FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE,
EMBASSY ALSO RECOMMENDS THAT TRAVELERS BOOK MOST DIRECT
TRANSPORTATION USING US CARRIERS WHEREVER POSSIBLE THROUGH
APPROPRIATE ALITALIA SALES OFFICES AGAINST GTR'S IN DINARS
WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT DECISION RE USE OF ALITALIA

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